plan for the ensuing year for construction of Tourist lodges (Yatri Niwas) in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, location-wise details of the project which have been accorded priority after consultations with the State Government; and

(c) the financial assistance to be provided for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Development of tourism infrastructure is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides some financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them every year.

(b) and (c) Thirty two projects of Himachal Pradesh with estimated Central component of Rs. 575.00 lakhs have been prioritised/ reprioritised during the current financial year. This does not include construction of any Yatri Niwas.

Forcible entry in Taj Mahal

†1648. SHRI CO. POULOSE:

SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a number of youngmen forcibly entered the Taj Mahal complex and damaged the notice-boards, uprooted three gates, took baths in the water tanks and shouted slogans there on 14th October, 2001;

(b) if so, whether Government have received a report on this incident from the Archaeological Department;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) A large number of people who had gathered at Agra in connection with a political rally, forcibly entered the Taj Mahal complex on 14th October, 2001 without entry tickets.

They scribbled grafltti on the monument and raised political slogans. They also entered the fountains and Wuzu tank.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) In a *suo-motu* proceedings in this matter, the Hon'ble Supreme Court, have directed the Archaeplogical Survey of India and the Government of uttar Pradesh to file a report in the matter. Further action will be taken in the light of the orders of the Apex Court.

Central assistance to Science City in Bangalore

1649. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has sent any proposal for Science City in Bangalore to offer glimpses from the world of Science and Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will take steps to provide Central assistance to the proposed Science City?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Since there is no budget provision for the purpose, it is not be possible to consider assistance to Science City project.

Book publishing scenario

1650. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the state of book publishing in India today;

(b) the number of books published in India during 2000-2001 as recorded in the National Library, Kolkata, language-wise, State-wise;

(c) whether the record in the National Library, Kolkata reflects the true picture; and

(d) if not, what steps are proposed to be taken to remedy it in the Book Year currently being celebrated in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) India has a vibrant book publishing industry and can be counted among the first seven publishing nations in the world, with about 60,000 new books